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REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE

During the month of March 2017, total imports to Barbados were valued at \$266.5 million, whilst total exports from Barbados were valued at \$81.3 million. This resulted in a visible trade deficit of \$185.2 million, as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$182.8 for March 2016.

Imports for March 2017 were \$1.1 million less than imports for March 2016, a decrease of 0.4%. Total exports decreased by \$3.5 million or 4.1% of the March 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$2.5 million or 6.0% over March 2016, while the value of re-exports decreased by \$1.0 million or 2.4% over the corresponding period 2016.

For the period January – March 2017, the value of imports to Barbados was \$791.5 million, whilst the value of total exports was \$260.1 million representing an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$531.4 million as compared to a similar deficit of \$469.4 million for January – March 2016.

Imports for January – March 2017 were \$11.5 million more than imports for the same period 2016, an increase of 1.5%. Total exports showed a decrease of some \$50.5 million or 16.3% over the January - March 2016 figure. Domestic exports decreased by \$16.8 million or 12.9% over January – March 2016. The value of re-exports decreased by \$33.7 million or 18.7% over the corresponding period 2016.

CARICOM TRADE

During the month of March 2017, total imports from CARICOM countries were valued at \$47 million, whilst total exports to CARICOM were valued at \$26.2 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$20.8 million as compared with a visible trade deficit of \$24.6 million for March 2016.

Total CARICOM imports for March 2017 were \$5.4 million less than CARICOM imports for March 2016, a decrease of 10.3%. Total exports to CARICOM for March 2017 were \$1.5 million less than total exports for March 2016, a decrease of 5.6%. Domestic exports decreased by \$1.4 million or 6.3% over March 2016. The value of re-exports decreased by some \$0.1 million, or 2.6%, over the March 2016 figure.

For the period January – March 2017, total imports from CARICOM were valued at \$166.2 million, whilst total exports were \$80.7 million resulting in an accumulated visible trade deficit of \$85.5 million as compared with a deficit of \$63.3 million for the same period of 2016.

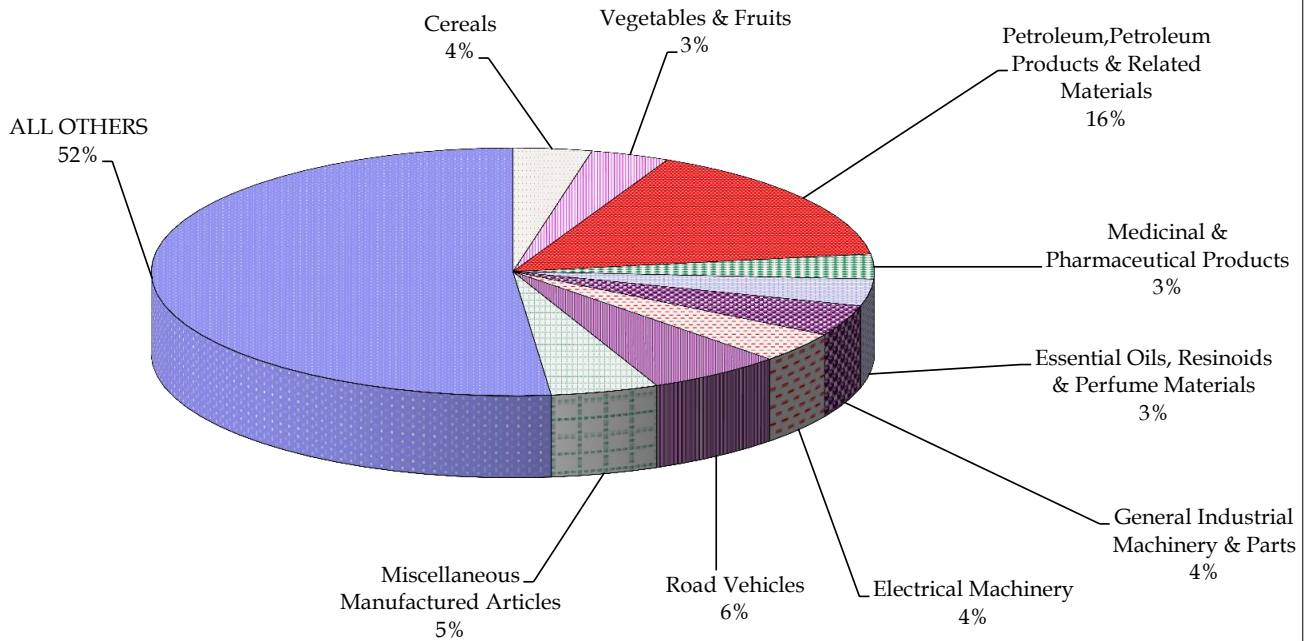
During this period, CARICOM imports were approximately \$26.2 million more than those over the same period in 2016, an increase of 18.7%. Total exports to CARICOM for January – March 2017 were \$3.9 million more than total exports for the corresponding period 2016, an increase of 5.1%. Domestic exports increased by approximately \$0.2 million or 0.3% over the same period 2016. The value of re-exports increased by \$3.7 million or 25.5% over the January – March 2016 figure.

**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

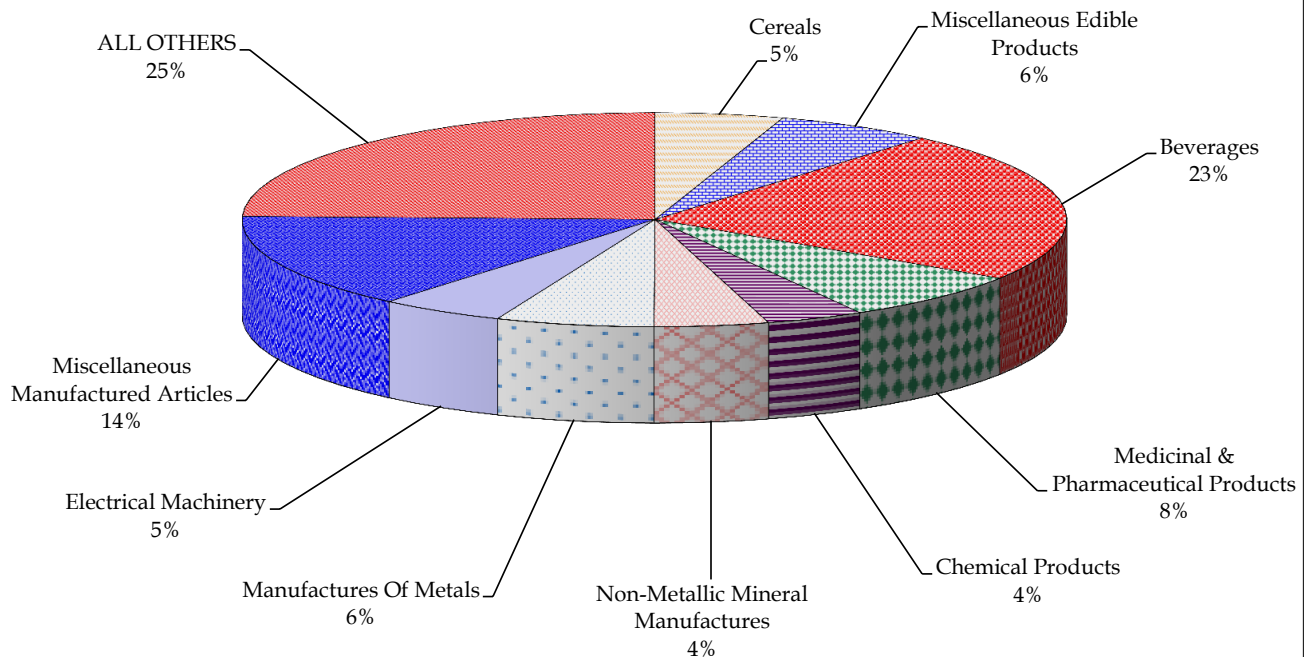
TABLE 1

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S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	53,409,467	46,373,113	6,752,593	6,253,011	685,560	120,876	7,438,153	6,373,887
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	8,167,344	8,837,446	8,912,868	5,577,522	2,417,123	587,357	11,329,991	6,164,879
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	6,874,929	8,274,172	514,086	544,435	342,295	24,744	856,381	569,179
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	43,092,972	41,312,778	43,946	4,338	19,207,339	14,161,126	19,251,285	14,165,464
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	1,317,282	1,496,721	429,992	231,216	12,990	458	442,982	231,674
5 CHEMICALS	30,433,330	28,196,522	5,959,505	8,880,932	6,971,482	4,533,687	12,930,987	13,414,619
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	32,272,342	29,392,625	5,129,675	7,284,266	698,377	783,193	5,828,052	8,067,459
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	55,536,140	59,071,921	3,164,673	1,944,610	528,372	1,321,906	3,693,045	3,266,516
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	34,803,163	43,103,653	7,184,455	9,861,589	11,764,800	22,129,334	18,949,255	31,990,923
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	606,952	1,563,992	583,188	578,169	300	285	583,488	578,454
TOTAL*	266,513,921	267,622,943	38,674,981	41,160,088	42,628,638	43,662,966	81,303,619	84,823,054

Principal Imports - March 2017



Principal Domestic Exports - March 2017



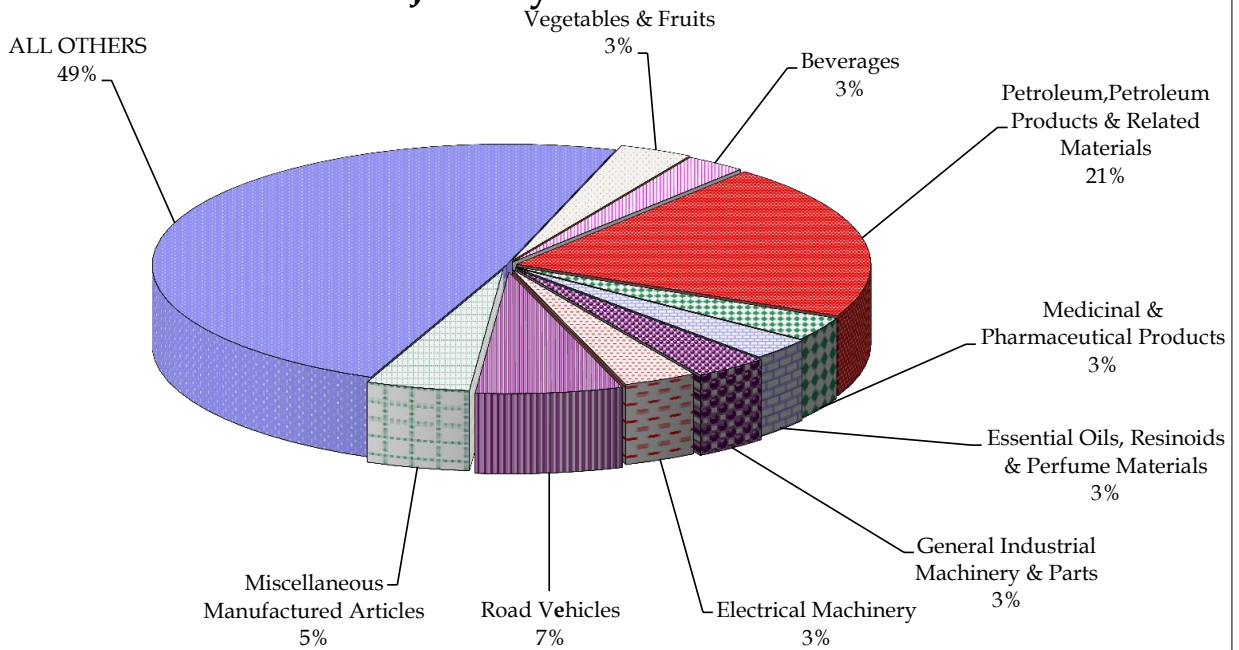
**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 2

S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
			2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	137,056,591	128,880,166	16,956,967	17,214,064	1,938,672	260,920	18,895,639	17,474,984
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	24,570,589	21,960,136	23,071,659	21,164,837	9,677,634	2,163,621	32,749,293	23,328,458
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	12,937,891	16,637,459	2,119,922	1,826,857	349,199	168,217	2,469,121	1,995,074
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS*	171,147,166	110,358,312	6,407,870	2,007,648	61,475,759	41,644,358	67,883,629	43,652,006
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	4,041,799	4,141,685	783,842	813,120	25,835	458	809,677	813,578
5 CHEMICALS	80,113,394	78,338,232	17,129,718	24,825,417	21,951,681	11,612,236	39,081,399	36,437,653
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	89,079,750	81,447,813	17,878,059	17,692,602	4,949,581	3,719,512	22,827,640	21,412,114
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	172,083,665	166,299,377	8,529,952	7,772,539	2,652,330	4,609,523	11,182,282	12,382,062
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	98,012,497	168,597,332	19,649,310	35,149,492	43,045,795	115,592,071	62,695,105	150,741,563
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	2,433,381	3,361,845	1,490,656	2,389,760	16,406	5,285	1,507,062	2,395,045
TOTAL*	791,476,723	780,022,357	114,017,955	130,856,336	146,082,892	179,776,201	260,100,847	310,632,537

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Principal Imports January-March 2017



Principal Domestic Exports January- March 2017

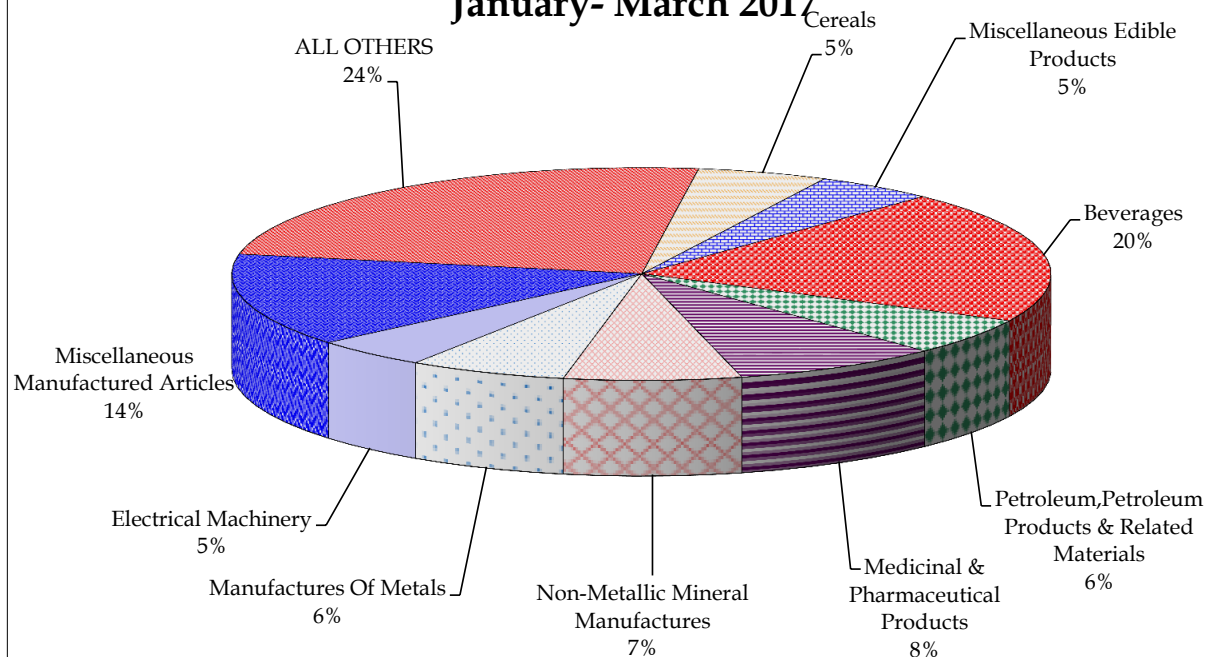


TABLE 3

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY MAJOR COUNTRIES AND GROUP
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	11,357,194	14,467,919	1,382,276	892,262	75,675	241,680	1,457,951	1,133,942
CANADA	6,161,433	4,839,578	1,855,869	1,275,927	18,274	50,655	1,874,143	1,326,582
UNITED STATES	104,044,171	92,908,529	6,997,311	5,215,068	14,979,930	20,988,496	21,977,241	26,203,564
CARICOM *	47,009,813	52,387,667	21,070,152	22,477,681	5,140,203	5,277,743	26,210,355	27,755,424
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,300,335	6,901,119	9,300,165	9,641,256	2,235,064	3,477,497	11,535,229	13,118,753
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	5,094,456	34,539	1,522,270	1,329,158	609,547	637,238	2,131,817	1,966,396
PUERTO RICO	6,615,367	9,161,370	31,422	72,008	320	-	31,742	72,008
VENEZUELA	-	150	72	1,650	278	-	350	1,650
JAPAN	6,295,496	5,514,969	290	2,020	-	-	290	2,020
GERMANY	4,526,580	2,879,154	287,109	159,874	13,589	25,228	300,698	185,102
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	75,409,403	85,429,068	5,528,210	9,734,440	2,584,531	2,280,800	8,112,741	12,015,240
STORES/BUNKERS *	8	-	-	-	19,206,291	14,161,126	19,206,291	14,161,126
TOTAL *	266,513,921	267,622,943	38,674,981	41,160,088	42,628,638	43,662,966	81,303,619	84,823,054

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**MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	044	Maize Unmilled	2,003,385	1,939,637
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/Dry	1,958,247	1,613,034
	098	Edible Products	3,924,714	3,635,594
	222	Oil Seeds For Soft Veg. Oil	3,107,302	3,990,019
	248	Wood Simply Worked	2,196,625	1,906,653
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	2,911,468	2,346,095
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,600,609	2,923,064
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,947,270	2,042,004
	821	Furniture And Parts	2,311,442	2,192,640
	893	Articles Of Plastic	2,383,228	2,332,910
TRINIDAD & TOB.	034	Fish Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	386,933	202,721
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,120,782	1,293,470
	058	Fruits Prep.,Preserved	364,282	257,378
	098	Edible Products	919,059	890,249
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	924,361	1,321,471
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	523,539	593,596
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	27,965,539	28,398,050
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	1,222,324	538,537
	642	Articles Of Paper	987,614	1,150,438
	893	Articles Of Plastic	448,001	598,412
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	489,897	221,414
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	972,357	277,683
	752	Data Processing Machines	698,896	790,455
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	1,031,210	863,777
	821	Furniture And Parts	1,075,436	593,462
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	471,325	241,819
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	787,937	366,368
	851	Footwear	642,616	754,586
	884	Optical Cord	486,701	204,942
	893	Articles Of Plastic	409,914	827,192
UNITED KINGDOM	024	Cheese And Curd	772,895	221,155
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	381,290	487,556
	098	Edible Products	483,656	257,194
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	576,693	317,162
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	399,102	78,396
	747	Taps,Cocks,Valves	371,070	93,980
	781	Motor Cars	465,014	240,000
	782	Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	351,191	100,701
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	361,531	625,779
	892	Printed Matter	1,075,203	1,882,132
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	6,045,615	7,460,196
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	21,304	115,225
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	101,938	181,038
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	54,348	-
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	31,818	66,994
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	19,118	5,505
	641	Paper And Paper Products	20,527	-
	695	Hand Or Machine Tools	14,441	-
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	16,456	6,236
	893	Articles Of Plastic	226,120	398,083

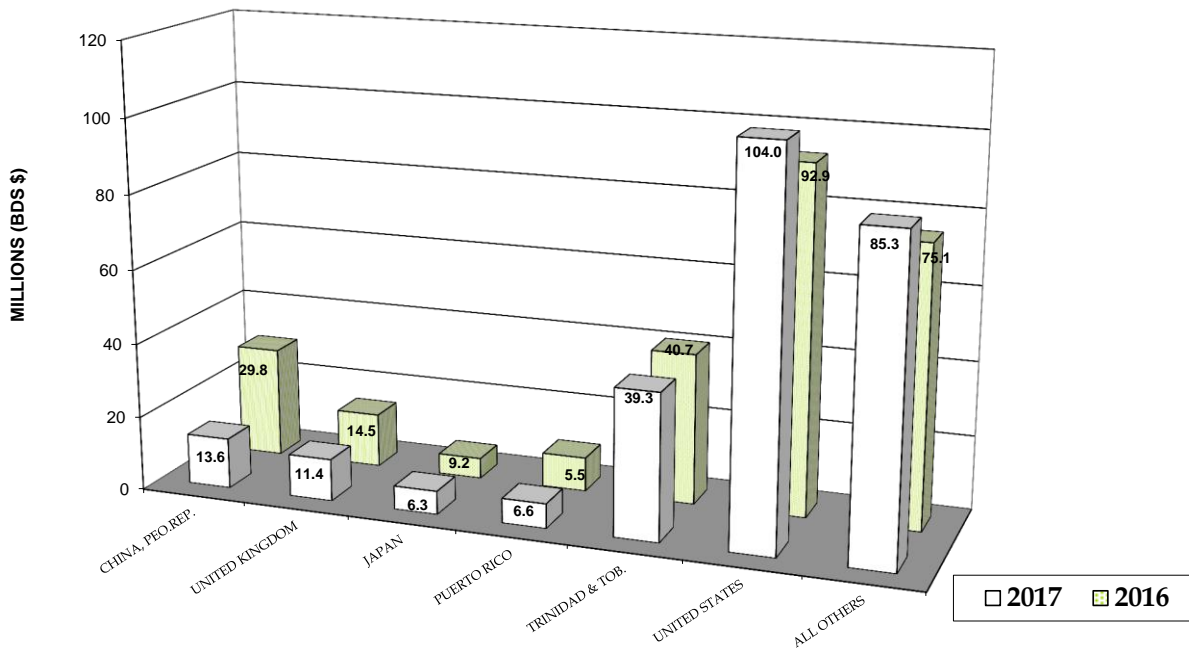
MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	001	Live Animals For Food	120,900	200,800
	034	Fish Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	77,606	51,843
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	194,437	466,201
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	3,314,541	2,532,168
	289	Ores Of Precious Metal	91,498	87,906
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	209,073	190,380
	752	Data Processing Machines	70,705	29,672
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	1,356,118	327,006
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	602,498	164,670
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	225,488	127,275
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	215,868	126,501
	091	Margarine And Shortening	1,032,756	582,758
	098	Edible Products	112,076	68,572
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	116,640	118,262
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	629,590	52,902
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	652,231	646,790
	691	Structures Etc Iron, Steel	120,808	68,576
	692	Metal Containers	484,756	506,271
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	250,199	729
	892	Printed Matter	105,798	141,952
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	149,734	163,898
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	342,785	428,999
	091	Margarine And Shortening	136,564	47,797
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	95,808	66,112
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	275,333	-
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	208,831	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	465,384	829,961
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	91,911	124,367
	692	Metal Containers	824,571	1,042,325
	892	Printed Matter	630,176	893,133
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	261,250	267,531
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	198,805	157,562
	091	Margarine And Shortening	181,780	114,358
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	357,918	315,592
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	80,143	117
	642	Articles Of Paper	104,871	217,297
	661	Lime, Cement	954,678	2,314,135
	892	Printed Matter	115,935	100,828
	893	Articles Of Plastic	313,698	74,282
	931	Special Transactions And Commodities	60,050	30,450
ST. LUCIA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	221,917	342,117
	059	Fruit Juices	181,275	217,107
	081	Feeding Stuff, Animals	107,742	123
	091	Margarine And Shortening	241,729	66,080
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	125,492	63,087
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	185,408	276,506
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	104,639	1,650
	661	Lime, Cement	172,951	217,473
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	301,510	16,262
	892	Printed Matter	154,926	87,246

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	19,206,291	14,161,126
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	527,268	28,276
	288	Non-Ferrous Metal/Scrap	338,420	-
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	4,019,586	468,419
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,305,449	249,636
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,225,445	200,202
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	650,358	261,977
	845	Articles Of Apparel	748,899	305,543
	851	Footwear	1,091,957	649,053
	885	Watches And Clocks	1,310,945	5,468,771
UNITED STATES	897	Jewellery	1,401,376	11,661,759
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32	-
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,916,898	-
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	36,099	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	532,631	342,250
	872	Medical Appliances	5,700	3,116
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,244,866	160,222
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	37,485	17,655
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	136,994	136,422
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	34,565	31,325
JAMAICA	845	Articles Of Apparel	35,360	21,714
	846	Clothing Accessories	95,713	22,624
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	179,656	19,067
	851	Footwear	139,771	134,878
	884	Optical Cord	69,009	12,050
	897	Jewellery	135,969	21,463
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	37,012	-
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	12,984	45,271
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	303,753	404,253
	629	Articles Of Rubber	15,002	15,141
FRANCE	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	11,816	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	63,317	234,977
	872	Medical Appliances	7,123	37,506
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	5,093	2,420
	882	Photographic Supplies	3,961	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	4,600	48,404
ANTIGUA	112	Alcoholic Beverages	37,012	-
	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	12,984	45,271
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	303,753	404,253
	629	Articles Of Rubber	15,002	15,141
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	11,816	-
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	63,317	234,977
	872	Medical Appliances	7,123	37,506
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	5,093	2,420
	882	Photographic Supplies	3,961	-
	893	Articles Of Plastic	4,600	48,404

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

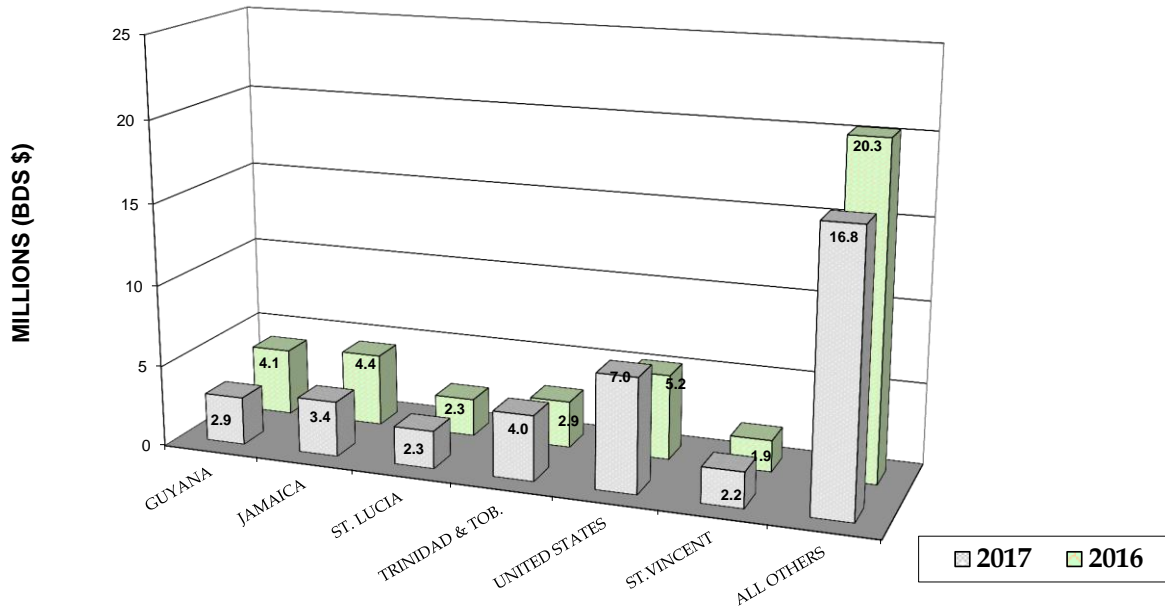


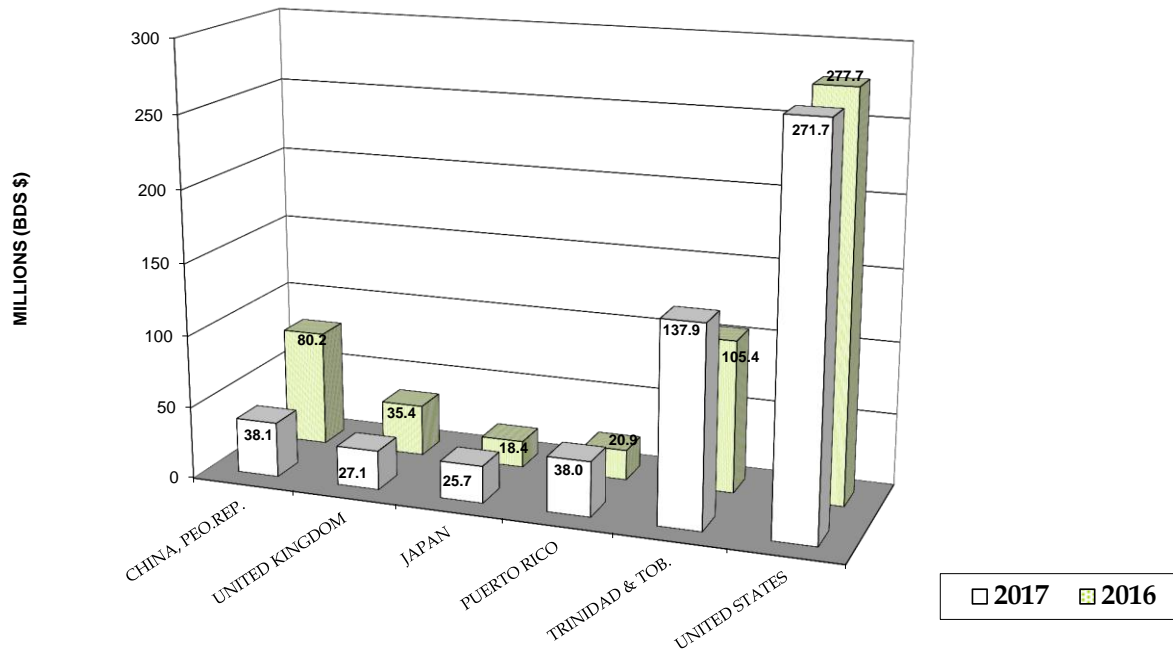
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JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

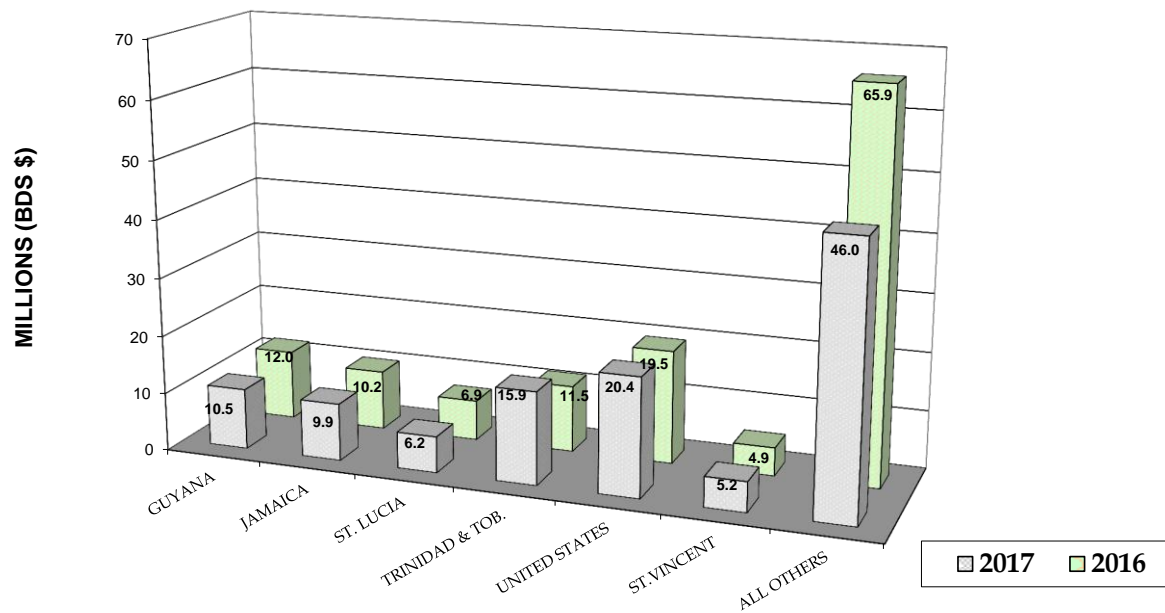
COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
UNITED KINGDOM	26,910,286	35,238,014	3,842,195	3,390,565	646,972	1,320,204	4,489,167	4,710,769
CANADA	25,400,054	15,131,340	3,826,975	4,124,050	53,774	230,411	3,880,749	4,354,461
UNITED STATES	271,636,431	277,691,388	20,361,564	19,472,732	50,315,941	114,059,272	70,677,505	133,532,004
CARICOM *	166,196,979	140,003,152	62,417,533	62,199,896	18,238,602	14,533,013	80,656,135	76,732,909
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	13,153,593	20,340,540	23,164,891	26,041,985	6,640,430	7,765,174	29,805,321	33,807,159
OTHER COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN	5,207,084	74,204	5,233,665	3,616,448	1,736,678	1,509,603	6,970,343	5,126,051
PUERTO RICO	37,952,542	20,907,789	296,357	318,085	39,739	21,232	336,096	339,317
VENEZUELA	33,760	323	8,894	27,775	673	5,050	9,567	32,825
JAPAN	25,620,764	18,348,174	12,900	5,582	11,950	64,186	24,850	69,768
GERMANY	11,399,425	15,777,026	579,238	566,480	36,176	55,647	615,414	622,127
ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	221,117,252	256,850,120	17,438,634	37,134,723	13,533,601	6,333,983	30,972,235	43,468,706
STORES/BUNKERS *	2,146	827	-	-	61,468,786	41,643,600	61,468,786	41,643,600
TOTAL *	791,476,723	780,022,357	114,017,955	130,856,336	146,082,892	179,776,201	260,100,847	310,632,537

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MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - IMPORTS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS - DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 2016



**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 5

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S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	8,967,111	7,889,856	5,884,552	5,162,702	42,659	74,069	5,927,211	5,236,771
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	2,329,813	3,480,599	1,414,060	609,716	2,102,607	69,273	3,516,667	678,989
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	454,288	681,211	42,564	126,494	886	203	43,450	126,697
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	28,302,413	33,193,166	43,846	4,049	828	-	44,674	4,049
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	10,412	15,588	427,592	231,216	-	-	427,592	231,216
5 CHEMICALS	2,599,985	2,019,832	4,807,009	5,470,534	2,216,111	3,084,985	7,023,120	8,555,519
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	2,644,501	2,695,190	4,196,958	6,833,570	125,829	340,432	4,322,787	7,174,002
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	148,138	883,520	629,421	590,703	291,910	853,140	921,331	1,443,843
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	1,472,053	1,516,143	3,494,110	3,228,048	359,373	855,641	3,853,483	4,083,689
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	81,099	12,562	130,040	220,649	-	-	130,040	220,649
TOTAL *	47,009,813	52,387,667	21,070,152	22,477,681	5,140,203	5,277,743	26,210,355	27,755,424

**VALUE OF CARICOM IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY SECTION OF THE S.I.T.C
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TABLE 6

(BDS \$)

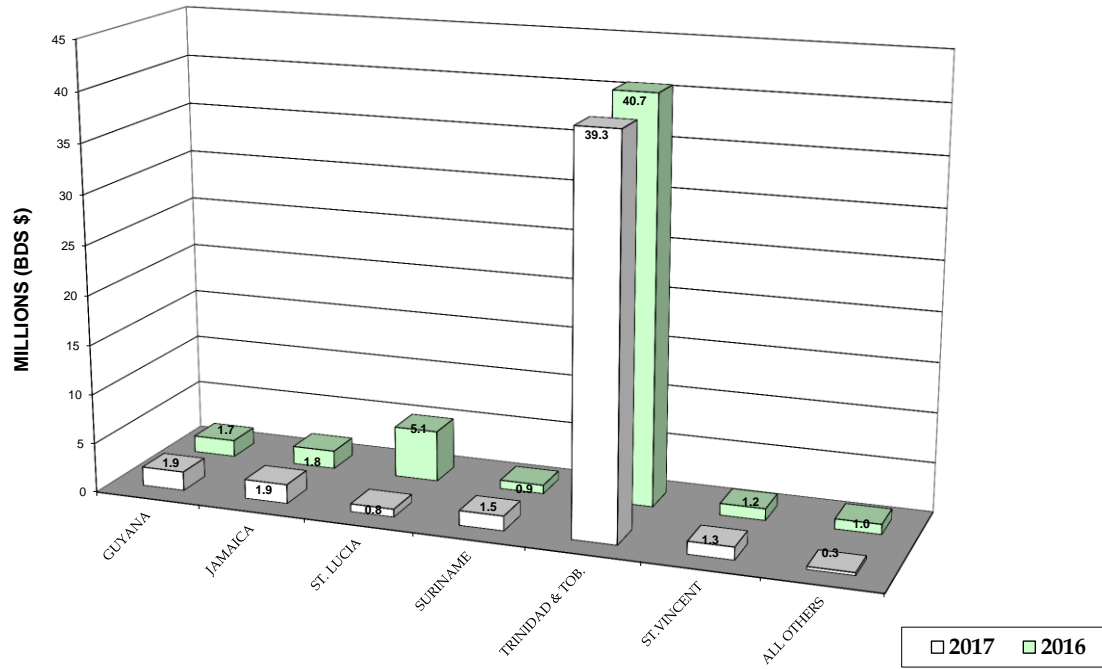
S.I.T.C SECTION	IMPORTS(c.i.f)		EXPORTS(f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	24,180,479	23,356,897	14,321,397	14,409,902	132,845	183,460	14,454,242	14,593,362
1 BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO	9,746,764	7,557,376	2,755,655	2,034,682	7,688,773	327,348	10,444,428	2,362,030
2 CRUDE MATERIALS INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	1,104,647	1,546,873	245,693	283,541	1,513	475	247,206	284,016
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS *	113,700,278	89,764,815	6,407,770	2,004,373	6,647	758	6,414,417	2,005,131
4 ANIMAL & VEGETABLE OILS & FATS	58,082	42,880	780,242	810,720	2,239	-	782,481	810,720
5 CHEMICALS	6,633,856	5,206,533	12,785,806	15,390,395	7,609,405	8,478,540	20,395,211	23,868,935
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL	6,458,841	6,095,022	14,946,833	16,188,636	594,281	902,249	15,541,114	17,090,885
7 MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	406,077	2,537,833	1,718,302	1,557,592	1,217,988	3,154,187	2,936,290	4,711,779
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	3,754,971	3,749,951	8,048,323	9,135,903	984,911	1,485,996	9,033,234	10,621,899
9 MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES	152,984	144,972	407,512	384,152	-	-	407,512	384,152
TOTAL *	166,196,979	140,003,152	62,417,533	62,199,896	18,238,602	14,533,013	80,656,135	76,732,909

TABLE 7

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	(BDS \$)							
	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016	2017*	2016
ANTIGUA	33,603	53,263	1,528,229	2,108,719	467,211	848,081	1,995,440	2,956,800
BELIZE	64,190	424,257	377,564	414,425	-	-	377,564	414,425
DOMINICA	6,056	189,854	354,205	796,765	317,905	166,075	672,110	962,840
GRENADA	185,958	336,223	1,488,276	1,562,695	200,018	460,606	1,688,294	2,023,301
GUYANA	1,910,055	1,691,793	2,946,909	4,106,796	174,053	84,149	3,120,962	4,190,945
HAITI	-	11,801	144,294	-	-	42,308	144,294	42,308
JAMAICA	1,924,427	1,830,032	3,388,645	4,432,066	2,491,360	350,546	5,880,005	4,782,612
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	50	480	1,411,842	881,527	357,999	174,194	1,769,841	1,055,721
ST. LUCIA	790,282	5,133,750	2,312,792	2,301,986	423,456	1,326,119	2,736,248	3,628,105
MONSTERRAT	-	2,262	23,346	55,676	13,549	4,420	36,895	60,096
SURINAME	1,486,948	870,005	903,689	1,017,750	-	7,550	903,689	1,025,300
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	39,323,858	40,658,660	4,008,886	2,865,388	239,726	1,315,693	4,248,612	4,181,081
ST. VINCENT	1,284,386	1,185,287	2,181,475	1,933,888	454,926	498,002	2,636,401	2,431,890
CARICOM TOTAL *	47,009,813	52,387,667	21,070,152	22,477,681	5,140,203	5,277,743	26,210,355	27,755,424
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	2,300,335	6,901,119	9,300,165	9,641,256	2,235,064	3,477,497	11,535,229	13,118,753

CARICOM IMPORTS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

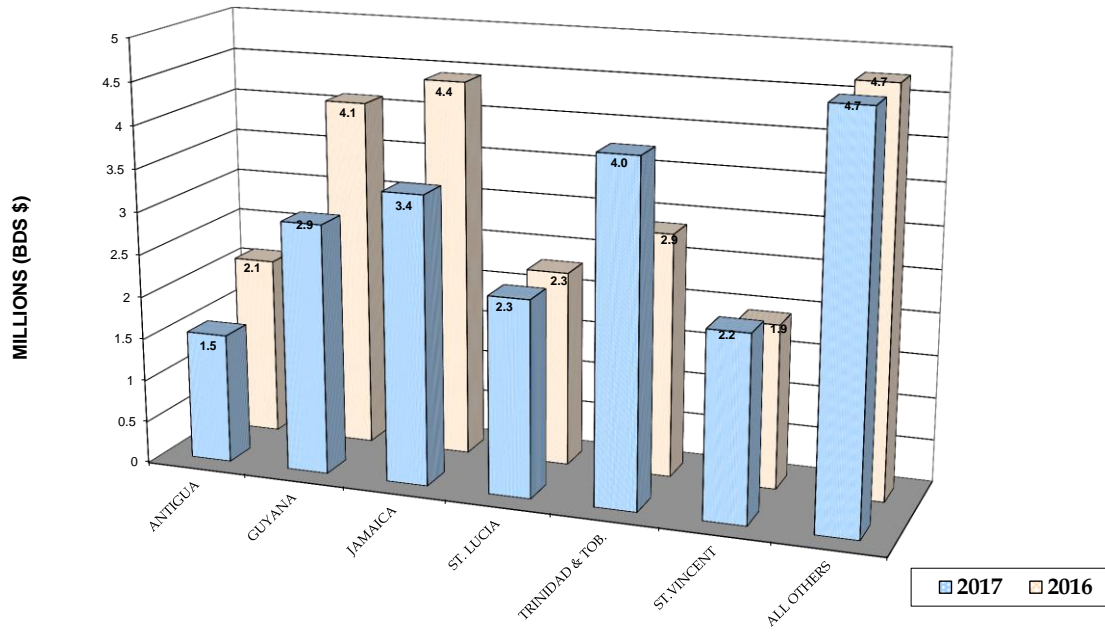


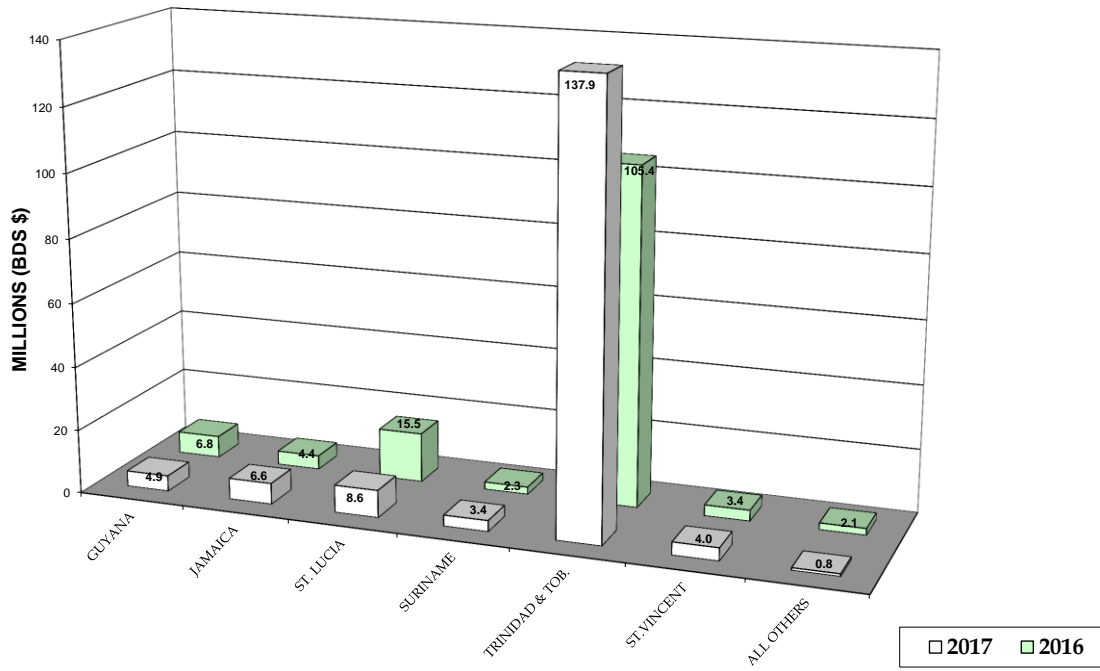
TABLE 8

**VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CARICOM COUNTRIES
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

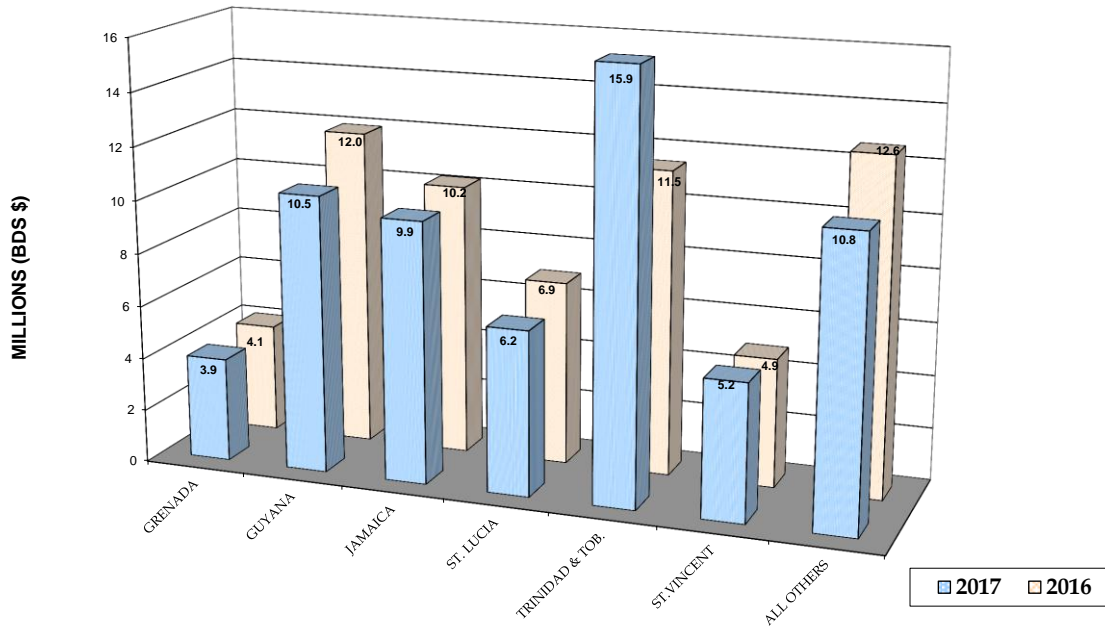
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COUNTRY	IMPORTS (c.i.f)		EXPORTS (f.o.b)					
			DOMESTIC		RE-EXPORTS		TOTAL	
	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016</u>
ANTIGUA	119,954	174,005	3,191,465	5,095,193	1,478,129	1,777,532	4,669,594	6,872,725
BELIZE	174,087	706,185	739,873	898,470	15,756	-	755,629	898,470
DOMINICA	83,438	510,524	1,233,614	1,832,116	577,841	441,101	1,811,455	2,273,217
GRENADA	349,812	648,539	3,919,843	4,104,270	659,810	955,459	4,579,653	5,059,729
GUYANA	4,881,778	6,845,203	10,453,850	11,967,480	1,388,084	179,558	11,841,934	12,147,038
HAITI	40,064	11,801	258,314	31,560	73,692	77,952	332,006	109,512
JAMAICA	6,591,222	4,354,273	9,853,626	10,237,523	8,980,905	1,677,795	18,834,531	11,915,318
ST.KITTS/NEVIS	21,427	37,689	3,210,340	3,121,338	681,941	843,248	3,892,281	3,964,586
ST. LUCIA	8,573,597	15,542,095	6,228,786	6,942,419	1,274,805	2,432,671	7,503,591	9,375,090
MONSTERRAT	2,773	2,402	202,168	76,837	37,095	9,040	239,263	85,877
SURINAME	3,435,578	2,300,491	2,007,061	1,564,082	36,575	76,120	2,043,636	1,640,202
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO *	137,920,657	105,444,659	15,939,918	11,458,796	1,103,160	4,756,414	17,043,078	16,215,210
ST. VINCENT	4,002,592	3,425,286	5,178,675	4,869,812	1,930,809	1,306,123	7,109,484	6,175,935
CARICOM TOTAL *	166,196,979	140,003,152	62,417,533	62,199,896	18,238,602	14,533,013	80,656,135	76,732,909
OF WHICH O.E.C.S	13,153,593	20,340,540	23,164,891	26,041,985	6,640,430	7,765,174	29,805,321	33,807,159

CARICOM IMPORTS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



CARICOM DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016



**PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2017	2016
IMPORTS	098 Edible Products	7,970,483	7,468,200
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	5,174,701	4,654,366
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	40,340,094	40,675,372
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	7,524,638	9,745,069
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	5,075,264	3,389,363
	554 Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	3,913,469	2,802,183
	642 Articles Of Paper	4,873,304	5,446,568
	781 Motor Cars	9,135,896	3,828,315
	821 Furniture And Parts	4,515,994	3,461,309
	893 Articles Of Plastic	5,293,032	5,787,577
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,396,829	1,654,026
	091 Margarine And Shortening	2,149,448	1,488,793
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	8,688,832	5,385,705
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,894,337	5,320,982
	591 Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,474,702	1,726,341
	661 Lime, Cement	1,311,509	3,411,660
	692 Metal Containers	1,318,131	1,557,409
	772 Electric Switches Fuses	1,686,156	693,768
	892 Printed Matter	1,930,498	2,406,892
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	2,918,105	5,511,504
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	2,313,421	368,767
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	19,206,291	14,161,126
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,626,482	3,643,559
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	4,071,893	526,008
	831 Travel Goods,Handbags	2,563,889	549,665
	841 Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,303,000	316,175
	845 Articles Of Apparel	802,902	451,238
	851 Footwear	1,239,103	1,070,341
	885 Watches And Clocks	1,426,511	5,498,919
	897 Jewellery	1,550,410	11,780,192

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016**

TABLE 9

(BDS \$)					
COMMODITY	SITC CODE	<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	-	0.0	-	0.0
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	2,149,448	5.6	1,488,793	3.6
RUM	112.441/449	7,671,391	19.8	4,929,317	12.0
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	1,125,705	2.9	1,445,238	3.5
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	2,898,415	7.5	5,323,394	12.9
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	13,891	0.0	25,374	0.1
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	1,474,702	3.8	1,726,341	4.2
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	347,039	0.9	514,678	1.3
CEMENT	661.222	1,276,478	3.3	3,411,632	8.3
METAL CONTAINERS	692	1,318,131	3.4	1,557,409	3.8
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	8,567	0.0	18,701	0.0
CLOTHING	841-848	22,995	0.1	20,626	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		18,306,762	47.3	20,461,503	49.7
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	1,698,687	4.4	707,887	1.7
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		18,669,532	48.3	19,990,698	48.6
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		38,674,981	100.0	41,160,088	100.0

*NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed
circuits for motor vehicles*

**SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016**

TABLE 10

COMMODITY	SITC CODE	(BDS \$)			
		JANUARY - MARCH			
		<u>2017</u>	%	<u>2016</u>	%
SUGAR	061.11	92,510	0.1	185,130	0.1
MARGARINE AND SHORTENING	091	4,694,864	4.1	4,542,066	3.5
RUM	112.441/449	20,194,043	17.7	19,218,402	14.7
PIGMENTS, PAINTS & VARNISHES	533	3,068,871	2.7	3,376,144	2.6
MEDICAMENTS & PHARMACEUTICALS	541-542	9,323,915	8.2	15,681,506	12.0
SOAPS & CLEANING PREPARATIONS	554	44,939	0.0	75,351	0.1
DISINFECTANTS, INSECTICIDES ETC.	591	3,602,598	3.2	4,612,347	3.5
PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS AND ARTICLES OF PAPER	641-642	1,018,595	0.9	1,384,968	1.1
CEMENT	661.222	6,769,039	5.9	8,860,284	6.8
METAL CONTAINERS	692	4,939,086	4.3	3,349,380	2.6
FURNITURE AND PARTS	821	39,979	0.0	111,925	0.1
CLOTHING	841-848	48,625	0.0	78,663	0.1
TOTAL SELECTED DOMESTIC EXPORTS LESS ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS		53,837,064	47.2	61,476,166	47.0
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	771.21,776.1-3,81 772.31-33,35,38,41 44-46,49,51-56,59 778.6,72-74,79,849 841,759.95	4,745,988	4.2	3,433,655	2.6
OTHER DOMESTIC EXPORTS		55,434,903	48.6	65,946,515	50.4
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS		114,017,955	100.0	130,856,336	100.0

NOTE: Electronic Components includes printed circuits for motor vehicles

MAIN IMPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	054	Vegetables Fresh/ Chilled,Frozen,Dry	5,207,716	4,328,035
	057	Fruits And Nuts Fresh/ Dry	5,735,892	4,991,943
	098	Edible Products	11,255,748	10,131,398
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	7,051,173	6,586,543
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	5,311,710	4,269,686
	642	Articles Of Paper	7,381,067	6,589,680
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	4,946,157	4,365,805
	752	Data Processing Machines	5,558,024	5,848,335
	821	Furniture And Parts	5,977,842	5,786,248
	893	Articles Of Plastic	6,889,208	7,337,255
TRINIDAD & TOB.	034	Fish Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	1,039,171	1,066,246
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	3,333,751	3,219,104
	098	Edible Products	2,684,894	2,220,216
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3,886,215	3,329,612
	122	Tobacco Manufactured	1,708,398	1,048,835
	334	Petroleum Products Refined	105,164,408	72,540,330
	342	Liquified Propane, Butane	1,676,521	3,345,365
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	3,177,645	1,957,971
	642	Articles Of Paper	2,611,986	2,837,955
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,229,928	1,335,146
CHINA, PEO.REP.	625	Rubber Tyres,Cases	1,205,297	957,491
	741	Heating Cooling Equipment	1,382,360	1,094,600
	752	Data Processing Machines	1,859,245	2,190,183
	764	Telecommunication Equipment	2,140,509	3,445,632
	821	Furniture And Parts	1,721,775	1,591,693
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,175,533	686,382
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	1,605,784	1,033,538
	851	Footwear	1,357,156	1,673,191
	893	Articles Of Plastic	1,296,847	1,757,087
	897	Jewellery	1,217,746	32,466,521
UNITED KINGDOM	024	Cheese And Curd	1,592,269	791,035
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	799,685	1,156,074
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	791,461	492,326
	098	Edible Products	1,300,107	1,070,659
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	1,274,476	1,269,524
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,630,629	1,789,694
	747	Taps,Cocks,Valves	585,948	417,133
	781	Motor Cars	704,366	2,519,583
	784	Motor Vehicle Parts	945,607	1,012,662
	892	Printed Matter	1,313,764	2,254,333
PUERTO RICO	334	Petroleum Products Refined	34,673,139	16,836,625
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	379,826	276,649
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	700,669	560,740
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	257,064	45,197
	554	Soaps, Cleaning Prep.	114,665	134,533
	598	Misc. Chemical Products	115,685	64,563
	642	Articles Of Paper	117,164	28,777
	692	Metal Containers	96,320	-
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	82,863	70,949
	893	Articles Of Plastic	999,220	762,881

MAIN DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
UNITED STATES	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	757,423	1,230,499
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	10,356,183	10,639,764
	289	Ores Of Precious Metal	267,559	189,392
	635	Wood Manufactures	212,292	38,318
	658	Made-Up Textile Articles	433,284	451,845
	699	Base Metal Manufactures	181,611	196,713
	749	Machine Parts	284,000	-
	772	Electric Switches Fuses	3,702,071	2,327,743
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	1,328,150	871,505
	971	Non-Monetary Gold	492,285	418,898
TRINIDAD & TOB.	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	701,437	521,697
	091	Margarine And Shortening	2,282,297	1,921,318
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	376,348	342,729
	333	Petroleum Crude	6,277,225	1,990,614
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,151,203	1,542,966
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	214,420	244,430
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	1,064,785	1,639,925
	692	Metal Containers	1,346,596	1,158,340
	874	Measuring Checking Instruments	250,199	3,850
	892	Printed Matter	232,564	458,099
JAMAICA	017	Meat Prepared	299,247	322,764
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	1,064,098	1,216,246
	091	Margarine And Shortening	183,335	210,792
	111	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	251,997	231,392
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	516,357	61,401
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	208,831	-
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,555,074	2,407,861
	591	Disinfectants,Insecticides	300,923	336,240
	692	Metal Containers	3,423,141	2,124,555
	892	Printed Matter	1,467,168	1,955,695
GUYANA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	555,070	638,500
	048	Cereal, Flour, Starch	585,460	472,010
	059	Fruit Juices	209,687	186,475
	091	Margarine And Shortening	295,142	338,320
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	796,596	975,765
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	191,934	103,014
	642	Articles Of Paper	276,712	464,603
	661	Lime, Cement	5,263,195	6,425,274
	892	Printed Matter	835,442	711,013
	893	Articles Of Plastic	455,145	441,153
ST. LUCIA	046	Meals Flour, Wheat, Meslin	704,587	999,015
	059	Fruit Juices	469,559	527,139
	081	Feeding Stuff, Animals	309,811	21,747
	091	Margarine And Shortening	640,629	470,581
	421	Fixed Vegetable Oils And Fat, Soft	328,792	390,083
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	483,166	560,338
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	266,370	328,507
	661	Lime, Cement	460,224	731,027
	813	Light Fixtures,Fittings	358,577	54,884
	892	Printed Matter	285,315	194,415

MAIN RE- EXPORTS OF THE MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

COUNTRY	SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
			2017	2016
SHIPS STORES	334	Petroleum Products Refined	61,468,786	41,643,600
	073	Chocolate And Preparations Of Cocoa	1,493,777	58,770
	553	Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,183,300	925,519
UNITED STATES	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	4,456,844	366,734
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	4,447,233	462,530
	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	2,306,866	531,958
	845	Articles Of Apparel	2,888,562	640,175
	851	Footwear	3,954,403	762,346
	884	Optical Cord	1,200,023	324,788
	885	Watches And Clocks	2,890,168	11,401,538
	897	Jewellery	5,725,183	93,113,969
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	6,547,170	71,538
	512	Alcohols, Phenols	117,132	-
JAMAICA	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	2,211,708	1,567,861
	635	Wood Manufactures	38,092	-
	642	Articles Of Paper	7,712	-
	661	Lime, Cement	8,518	-
	693	Wire Products	8,285	-
	812	Plumbing,Lighting Fixtures	7,127	-
	872	Medical Appliances	17,666	32,686
	899	Misc. Manufactured Articles	6,896	-
	831	Travel Goods,Handbags	1,853,925	1,121,127
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	95,245	99,022
FRANCE	842	Female Clothing Non Knitted	416,852	488,117
	844	Female Clothing Knitted	46,522	141,646
	845	Articles Of Apparel	116,186	79,859
	846	Clothing Accessories	112,425	122,218
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	219,265	102,968
	851	Footwear	341,894	349,079
	884	Optical Cord	135,955	49,732
	897	Jewellery	196,290	142,227
	112	Alcoholic Beverages	37,012	34,991
	533	Pigments, Paints, Varnishes	51,589	52,130
ANTIGUA	541	Medicinal Pharmacy Products	81,568	51,140
	542	Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	1,011,973	1,147,698
	597	Prep. Additives For Mineral Oils	14,199	-
	629	Articles Of Rubber	15,002	15,141
	751	Office Machines	28,410	-
	841	Male Clothing-Non Knitted	11,816	278
	848	Headgear-Non Textile Clothing	126,639	234,977
	893	Articles Of Plastic	37,334	50,330

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES TRADED WITH CARICOM
JANUARY - MARCH 2017 WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 2016

SITC GROUP	DESCRIPTION	BDS(\$)	
		2017	2016
IMPORTS	098 Edible Products	21,070,613	19,344,194
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	13,159,131	12,209,077
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	163,509,985	104,822,089
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	22,178,723	26,471,475
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	11,801,473	9,597,284
	642 Articles Of Paper	12,941,179	13,314,010
	752 Data Processing Machines	17,485,894	9,064,544
	781 Motor Cars	30,312,943	22,434,832
	782 Goods And Special Purpose M.V.	11,820,016	6,439,492
	893 Articles Of Plastic	14,588,797	15,752,643
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	048 Cereal, Flour, Starch	4,301,862	4,691,519
	091 Margarine And Shortening	4,694,864	4,542,066
	112 Alcoholic Beverages	22,573,612	20,504,533
	333 Petroleum Crude	6,277,225	1,990,614
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	9,313,040	15,638,743
	661 Lime, Cement	6,804,872	8,863,530
	692 Metal Containers	4,939,086	3,349,380
	772 Electric Switches Fuses	4,713,057	3,390,605
	892 Printed Matter	5,780,804	7,248,989
	899 Misc. Manufactured Articles	9,102,929	22,875,611
RE-EXPORTS	112 Alcoholic Beverages	8,552,474	1,216,099
	334 Petroleum Products Refined	61,468,892	41,643,600
	542 Medicaments Including Vet. Med.	8,453,205	9,824,552
	553 Perfumery, Cosmetics	12,404,243	1,033,234
	831 Travel Goods, Handbags	7,563,364	1,698,004
	841 Male Clothing-Non Knitted	5,299,694	751,886
	842 Female Clothing Non Knitted	3,491,973	1,171,680
	845 Articles Of Apparel	4,182,465	995,069
	851 Footwear	5,942,893	1,443,041
	897 Jewellery	6,157,689	93,410,386